

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1063
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A RESOLUTION to commend Francis S. Guess for his honorable
and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to
improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Francis Guess is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest
integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary 30-year tenure with the Tennessee Human Rights
Commission, Mr. Guess has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest
order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, originally hailing from the Preston Taylor Homes public housing projects in
North Nashville, Mr. Guess has achieved great personal success through hard work and
determination; and

WHEREAS, currently serving as Executive Vice President of The Danner Company, he
also acts as the Principal Officer in Charge of External Affairs and provides management and
marketing advice, in addition to serving as the Company's chief spokesperson; and

WHEREAS, knowing the great value of education, Mr. Guess has touched the lives of
countless students through teaching a Practice Management course at Meharry Medical
College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guess has also served the State of Tennessee with distinction as the
Commissioner of Labor and the Commissioner of General Services, and the United States as a
six-year member on the U.S. Civil Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, a truly dedicated individual, Mr. Guess has rendered meritorious service to
five Tennessee governors over the course of three decades as a member of the Tennessee
Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guess's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, Mr. Guess epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Francis Guess is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Francis S. Guess for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee through his service on the United States and Tennessee Human Rights Commissions and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.